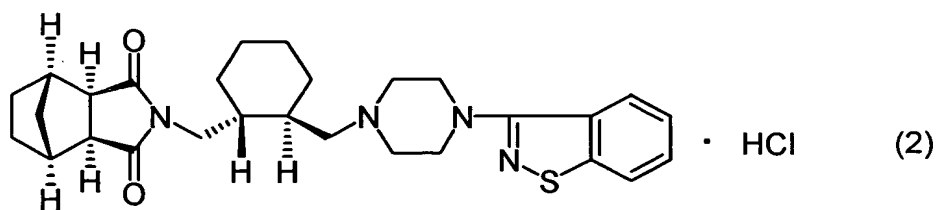


ABSTRACT

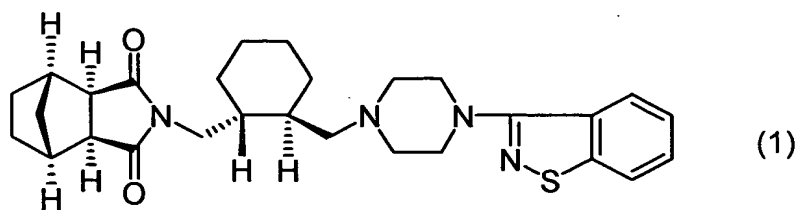
The present invention provides an excellent industrial process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride.

5 The process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride of the formula (2):



or an enantiomer thereof,

which comprises treating a compound of the formula (1):



10 or an enantiomer thereof with an aqueous hydrochloric acid solution in a hydrophilic solvent, followed by crystallizing the resultant.